

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 13, 15, 22 and 23 as follows. A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers follows. The changes in these claims from their immediate prior version are shown with underlines for added matter and ~~strike-through~~ for deleted matter.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A confection comprising menthyl glutarate and one or more other physiological cooling agents selected from the group consisting of *l*-isopulegol, and p-menthane-3,8-diol and mixtures thereof.
2. (Original) The confection of claim 1 further comprising *l*-menthol.
3. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein the cooling agents are treated by an encapsulation process.
4. (Original) The confection of claim 3 wherein the cooling agents are encapsulated by a spray drying process.
5. (Original) The confection of claim 3 wherein the cooling agents are encapsulated by a fluid bed coating process.
6. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein the cooling agents are treated by being entrapped in an extrusion process.
7. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein the confection comprises a chewing gum composition.
8. (Original) The confection of claim 2 wherein the physiological cooling agents in the confection consist of menthyl glutarate, *l*-isopulegol and p-menthane-3,8-diol.
9. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein the menthyl glutarate and one or more other physiological cooling agents are present in a coating on the confection.

10. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein the confection comprises a chewing gum composition and the menthyl glutarate and one or more other physiological cooling agents are present in a coating on the chewing gum.

11. (Currently amended) The confection of claim 1 wherein the confection comprises at least 5 ppm physiological cooling agent of combined menthyl glutarate and the one or more other physiological cooling agents selected from the group consisting of I-isopulegol and p-menthane-3,8-diol.

12. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 to wherein the confection comprises a chewing gum product and the physiological cooling agents comprise at least 25 ppm of the product.

13. (Currently amended) The chewing gum composition confection of claim 7 wherein the chewing gum composition comprises at least 5 ppm *I*-isopulegol.

14. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein the confection further comprises a physiological cooling agent selected from the group consisting of menthyl succinate; menthyl lactate; 3-*I*-menthoxypropane-1,2-diol; N-substituted p-menthane carboxamide; acyclic carboxamide; menthone glycerol ketals and mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently amended) A cooling flavor composition which imparts a physiological cooling effect to oral compositions in which it is used, comprising menthyl glutarate and one or more other physiological cooling agents selected from the group consisting of *I*-isopulegol; and p-menthane-3,8-diol and mixtures thereof.

16. (Original) The cooling flavor composition of claim 15 wherein the composition further comprises an additional physiological cooling agent selected from the group consisting of menthyl succinate; menthyl lactate; 3-*I*-menthoxypropane-1,2-diol; N-substituted p-menthane carboxamide; acyclic carboxamide; menthone glycerol ketals and mixtures thereof.

17. (Previously presented) The cooling flavor composition of claim 15 wherein said one or more other physiological cooling agents comprise, by weight of the menthyl glutarate:

- a) about 2% to about 50% *l*-isopulegol, and
- b) about 2% to about 50% p-menthane-3,8-diol.

18. (Previously presented) A confection comprising a flavor and a cooling flavor composition according to claim 15.

19. (Previously presented) The cooling flavor composition of claim 15 further comprising *l*-menthol.

20. (Original) The cooling flavor composition of claim 19 wherein the ratio of physiological cooling agents to *l*-menthol is between about 2:98 and about 3:2.

21. (Original) The cooling flavor composition of claim 19 wherein the ratio of physiological cooling agents to *l*-menthol is between about 4:96 and about 1:4.

22. (Currently amended) A coated confection, the coating comprising a coating material, menthyl glutarate and one or more other physiological cooling agents selected from the group consisting of *l*-isopulegol; and p-menthane-3,8-diol and mixtures thereof.

23. (Currently amended) A chewing gum composition comprising:

- a) about 5% to about 95% gum base;
- b) about 5% to about 95% bulking and sweetening agent; and
- c) about 0.1 to about 10% flavoring agent wherein the flavoring agent comprises menthyl glutarate and one or more other physiological cooling agents selected from the group consisting of *l*-isopulegol; and p-menthane-3,8-diol and mixtures thereof.

24. (Original) The chewing gum composition of claim 23 wherein a blend of *l*-isopulegol and menthyl glutarate are used in the chewing gum at a ratio of between about 3:1 to 1:3 *l*-isopulegol: menthyl glutarate.

25. (Original) The chewing gum composition of claim 23 wherein the blend of *l*-isopulegol and menthyl glutarate are used in the chewing gum at a ratio of about 1:1 *l*-isopulegol: menthyl glutarate.

26. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 1 wherein a blend of *l*-isopulegol, p-menthane-3,8-diol and menthyl glutarate are used in the confection at a ratio of menthyl glutarate to the total of *l*-isopulegol and p-menthane-3,8-diol of between about 20:3 and about 60:3.

27. (Original) The confection of claim 26 wherein the ratio of menthyl glutarate to the total of *l*-isopulegol and p-menthane-3,8-diol is about 40:3.

28. (Previously presented) A confection comprising menthyl glutarate and *l*-isopulegol.

29. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 28 further comprising menthyl succinate.

30. (Previously presented) The confection of claim 28 wherein the confection comprises a chewing gum composition.

31. (Previously presented) A cooling flavor composition which imparts a physiological cooling effect to oral compositions in which it is used, comprising menthyl glutarate and *l*-isopulegol.

32. (Previously presented) The cooling flavor composition of claim 31 further comprising menthyl succinate.

33. (Previously presented) A confection comprising a flavor and a cooling flavor composition according to claim 31.

34. (Previously presented) A coated confection, the coating comprising a coating material, menthyl glutarate and *l*-isopulegol.

35. (Previously presented) The coated confection of claim 34, the coating further comprising menthyl succinate.

36. (Previously presented) A chewing gum composition comprising:

- a) about 5% to about 95% gum base;
- b) about 5% to about 95% bulking and sweetening agent; and
- c) about 0.1 to about 10% flavoring agent wherein the flavoring agent comprises menthyl glutarate and *l*-isopulegol.

37. (Previously presented) The chewing gum composition of claim 36 wherein the flavoring agent further comprises menthyl succinate.